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In re the Application of: Smith et al.

Docket No.: TI-29811

Serial No.: 09/975,639

Art Unit: 2818

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Examiner: Hoang, Quoc

Title: Hydrogen Plasma Photoresist Strip And Polymeric Residue Cleanup Process
For Low Dielectric Constant Materials

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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In response to the Office Action, dated 08/25/03, in the above-identified patent application, please make the following amendments. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action. Charge any required fees to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 0668.

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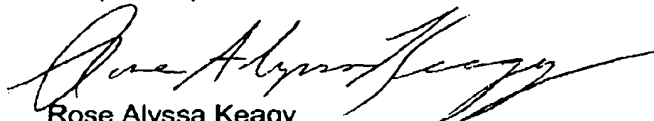
submit that if such a combination was "obvious", than the Examiner should be able to provide art that teaches the advantageously claimed mixture.

Claims 51-59 have been added hereinabove. These claims are closely related to original claims 40-50 filed in the initial patent application.

Claim 60 has also been added hereinabove. It is closely related to currently pending Claim 1. Lastly, Claims 61-68 have been added hereinabove. These claims are closely related to original claims 1, and 21-29 filed in the initial patent application.

For the reasons stated above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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